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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING SAC ROE FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #05 For Emergency Order #4-FH-K-05-21

Due to presence of herring spawn, beginning at **noon Wednesday, April 7**, the **Natalia Bay Lagoon** portion of the **SW Sitkalidak Section (EA20)**, inside of the lagoon from a line at **57° 05.49' N. lat. 153° 19.30' W. long. to 57° 05.42' N lat. 153° 19.19' W. long.** will close to commercial herring fishing. The remainder of the **combined Kaiugnak (EA10) and Southwest Sitkalidak (EA20) Sections** remain **open** to commercial herring fishing and will follow the fishing schedule as described in regulation.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas are **closed** for the remainder of the 2021 Kodiak herring sac roe season:

- (EA21) Three Saints Bay; - (EA23) West Sitkalidak; - (EA22) Newman Bay;
- (EA24) Barling Bay; - (EA30) East Sitkalidak; - (EA31) Tanginak Anchorage;
- (EA42) Shearwater Bay.

All herring permit holders, buyers and tender operators participating are **required to register** with the ADF&G Kodiak office or with ADF&G personnel on the grounds prior to operations.

FISHING PERIODS:

PURSE SEINE: Fishing periods for purse seine gear will be noon to 9:00 p.m. on odd-numbered days and 9:00 a.m. to noon on even-numbered days.

GILLNET: Gillnet fishing periods will be noon on even-numbered days to noon on odd-numbered days starting April 2.

GHLs and maps of open sections are available at the Kodiak office and in the herring sac roe fishery harvest strategy for the 2021 season. Fishermen are urged to check with their market and test their catch prior to landing herring. Determining if size or roe quality meets processor standards is the responsibility of fishermen and industry. It is anticipated that many small and green fish will be present on the grounds during the initial open fishing periods. Recent fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's message phone at 486-4559.

EXPLORATORY AREAS:

The following sections are designated as **EXPLORATORY**, and will be open to either gear type, with differential fishing periods by gear type as outlined above for purse seine or gillnet gear:

Afognak Districts:

(NA20) Delphin Bay
(NA30) Perensoa Bay
(WA40) Bluefox Bay

Mainland Districts:

(NM20) Inner Kukak
(MM10) Inner Katmai
(MM30) Alinchak

Mainland Districts cont:

(MM40) Puale Bay
(MM50) Portage Bay
(SM10) Wide Bay

District	Area	Stat Areas	GHL ^a	Left on GHL ^b	Open/Closed	Closure Date
Afognak	Kitoi/Izhut/MacDonalds Lagoon	SA10,20,30	100	100	Open	
	Danger Bay	SA40	300	300	Open	
	Raspberry Strait	WA10	400	400	Open	
	Malina Bay	WA20	200	200	Open	
	Paramanof Bay/Foul Bay	WA31,32	400	400	Open	
	Tonki Bay	NA50	75	75	Open	
	Exploratory Afognak	NA20,30,40	0	0	Open	
	Afognak District Total		1,475	1,475		
Eastside/NE	Kaiugnak, SW Sitkalidak	EA10,20	100	100	Open	
	Three Saints Bay, Newman Bay, West Sitkalidak Strait, Barling Bay	EA21,22,23,24	400	0	Closed	4/3/2021
	East Sitkalidak Strait, Tanginak Anchorage	EA30,31	800	0	Closed	4/5/2021
	Shearwater Bay, Outer Kiliuda Bay, Inner Kiliuda Bay	EA42,43,44	800	367	Open	
					EA42 Closed	4/2/2021
	Outer Ugak, Inner Ugak	EA50,51	500	500	Open	
	Kalsin Bay	NE20	100	100	Open	
	Eastside Northeast District's Total		2,700	1,067		
Uganik	Viekoda Bay, Terror Bay, West Uganik Passage	UG20,21,31	1,200	1,200	Open	
	Village Islands, NE Arm Uganik Bay, East Arm Uganik Bay, South Arm Uganik Bay	UG30,32,33,34	1,000	1,000	Open	
	Uganik District Total		2,200	2,200		
Uyak	Inner Uyak Bay, Browns Lagoon	UY30,32	200	200	Open	
	Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay	UY40,50	800	800	Open	
	Uyak District Total		1,000	1,000		
Inner Marmot	Anton Larsen Bay	IM20	15	15	Open	
	Sharatin Bay	IM30	30	30	Open	
	Kizhuyak Bay	IM40	200	200	Open	
	Inner Marmot District Total		245	245		
Alitak	Inner Alitak	AL20	25	25	Open	
	Inner Deadman Bay, Outer Deadman Bay	AL21,22	50	50	Open	
	Sulua Bay	AL30	25	25	Open	
	Lower Olga	AL40	25	25	Open	
	East Upper Olga Bay	AL41	25	25	Open	
	West Upper Olga Bay	AL50	25	25	Open	
	Geese/Twoheaded	AL60	100	100	Open	
	Alitak District Total		275	275		
Total Kodiak Management Area			7,895	6,262		

^a GHL in short tons.

^b Remaining GHL based on inseason estimates and subject to change.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

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